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It's McCone— He'll Direct Intelligence

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NEWPORT, R. I. In an unusual ceremony in the auditorium of the Naval War College here yesterday, President Kennedy announced the appointment of John A. McCone as successor to Allen W. Dulles as director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The President made the announcement in the presence of both men, for each of whom he had high praise, as did each for the other. Mr. McCone and Mr. Dulles flew back together to Washington, where they will work together before Mr. McCone formally takes over his

duties in November. Both men are Republicans.

Mr. Kennedy made it plain that he had consulted Mr. Dulles, who is 68, on the appointment of his successor, and both the President and Mr. Dulles made it plain they were happy that Mr. McCone, who is fifty-nine, had accepted the job.

First Time Since 1908

It was the first time since July 22, 1908, when President Theodore Roosevelt appeared here, that a President had spoken at the Naval War College. Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt, Truman and Eisenhower visited the War College, but did not speak.

"Coming once again to Washington represents a real sacrifice for him," the President said of Mr. McCone, who was chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission in the Eisenhower administration and Under-Secretary of the Air Force under President Truman.

In giving Mr. Dulles a warm send-off, Mr. Kennedy praised the record of the C.I.A. chief as "almost unique if not unique in the history of this country." Mr. Dulles is a brother of the late John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State under President Eisenhower.

Mr. Dulles, the President said, "has served under eight Presidents of the United States beginning with President Wilson in World War I—Presidents of different parties."

"I know no man who is a more courageous, fearless public servant than Mr. Allen Dulles," he said. He noted that Mr. Dulles has agreed to serve as a consultant on intelligence matters, and therefore his long experience will be available to the people of this country."

Mr. Dulles called his successor "the ideal choice for a man to carry on this important work."

Mr. McCone said it would be "extremely difficult to fill Mr. Dulles' shoes, but added: "I will do my best."

The C. I. A. has been under Congressional fire for its role in the ill-fated Cuban invasion last April and the U-2 spy plane incident in 1959. But President Kennedy stressed yesterday that Mr. Dulles was retiring under an agreement last November under which he agreed to serve as director of the C. I. A. for one more year.

No Change Announced

The Kennedy administration reportedly has studied proposals that the agency's undercover functions be split up from its collection of intelligence data, but no change in the intelligence operations has been announced.

Mr. Dulles and Mr. McCone flew to the Naval Air Station at Quonset Point, R. I., in a C. I. A. plane yesterday morning, then came across Narragansett Bay to Hammersmith Farm, the President's residence, by helicopter. After conferring with him, they crossed Newport Harbor with him in the Presidential yacht *Sequoia*. After the short ceremony, the President escorted them to a small Marine helicopter and more恭恭敬敬地将他们送上了直升机。

their way back to Washington. Then the President boarded the yacht, picked up Mrs. Kennedy and the children, and went for a cruise.

Mr. Kennedy been awakened at 2:30 a. m. by a call from Rep. Carl Albert, Okla., Democratic whip, notifying him that the House was about to adjourn. At 6:12 a. m. he received another call from Sen. Mike Mansfield, Mont., Democratic leader of the Senate, giving him the same word about that body. Both, by protocol, asked him if he had any further business. He had none.

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